

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : D. Castelli, et al.

Serial No. : (Div. of 09/293,111)      Art Unit: 1614

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For : USE OF COMPLEXES FOR THE PREPARATION OF COMPOSITIONS  
FOR THE TREATMENT OF SENSITIVE SKIN, PREPARATION  
PROCESS AND HYPOALLERGENIC COMPOSITIONS

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is respectfully submitted concurrently with the above-captioned divisional patent application in order to cancel certain claims that have been allowed in the parent patent application Serial No. 09/293,111. Kindly amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, line 1, kindly add the following:

--This patent application is a divisional patent application of U.S. Serial No. 09/293,111, filed April 16, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference.--

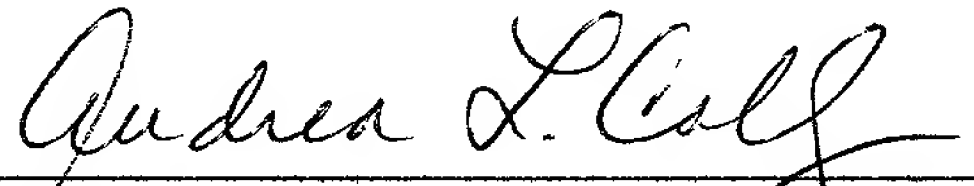
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 2-8, 10 and 17.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the entry of the foregoing amendment to the specification and claims of the above-captioned patent application in light of the fact that this application is a divisional application and that certain claims have been allowed in the parent application. An early allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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